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FOR: A PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER, AN

OPTICAL FIBER CABLE, AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE WITH A

PLUG, A PROCESS FOR

MANUFACTURING A METHYL METHACRYLATE POLYMER AND

A PROCESS FOR

MANUFACTURING A PLASTIC

OPTICAL FIBER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.